

CONCORDIA



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Stingers

No. 1 ranking at stake for Concordia, Toronto at 33rd annual Theresa Humes Tournament

The drive for a ninth straight Theresa Humes Tournament championship begins Friday, Jan. 5 for the Concordia Stingers women's hockey team. In addition to defending their title, the No. 3-ranked Stingers will have a chance to move up in the national rankings with a strong showing.

The most important aspect of the three-day tournament for Concordia will be how the team does in comparison to the No. 1-ranked Toronto Varsity Blues. The Stingers are ranked lower based on an early season 3-2 loss to the Varsity Blues. Concordia and Toronto are on opposite sides of the tournament draw. Their only chance to meet is in the championship game Sunday at 4 p.m.

"For our players there's a little bit of a revenge factor," said Concordia head coach Les Lawton. "We feel we're a much better team than we were in October. We'll see what happens this weekend."

The team that finishes the regular season ranked No. 1 will have a more favorable draw at the CIAU national championships in Calgary Feb. 22-25.

Challenging Concordia and Toronto for the tournament crown will be the Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks, the Ottawa Gee-Gees, the McGill Martlets, the Quebec CEGEP all-star team, the St. Francis Xavier X-Women and the Middlebury Panthers, the ECAC Division III champions for the past five seasons with a perfect 92-0 combined league record.

"Of course our goal is to win and move up in the rankings," said Lawton, "but with such a strong draw we'll have to play our best hockey of the year to win."

All games will be played at the Ed Meagher Arena, 7200 Sherbrooke St. W., Montreal. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for visiting students and \$3 for Concordia students. There's no charge for children ages 13 and under. Tournament passes will also be sold.

Theresa Humes Tournament Draw

Friday, Jan. 5

Game 1	2 p.m.	Ottawa Gee-Gees vs. Middlebury Panthers
Game 2	4:30 p.m.	Concordia Stingers vs. St. Francis Xavier X-Women
Game 3	7 p.m.	McGill Martlets vs. Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks
Game 4	9:30 p.m.	Toronto Varsity Blues vs. Quebec CEGEP All-Stars

Saturday, Jan. 6

Game 5	10 a.m.	Loser of Game 1 vs. Loser of Game 2
Game 6	12:30 p.m.	Winner of Game 1 vs. Winner of Game 2
Game 7	3 p.m.	Loser of Game 3 vs. Loser of Game 4
Game 8	5:30 p.m.	Winner of Game 3 vs. Winner of Game 4

Sunday, Jan. 7

7th-place game

Game 9	9 a.m.	Loser of Game 5 vs. Loser of Game 7
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Consolation game

Game 10	11 a.m.	Winner of Game 5 vs. Winner of Game 7
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3rd-place game

Game 11	1 p.m.	Loser of Game 6 vs. Loser of Game 8
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Championship

Game 12	4 p.m.	Winner of Game 6 vs. Winner of Game 8
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Participating Teams

Concordia Stingers
McGill Martlets
Middlebury Panthers
Ottawa Gee-Gees
Quebec CEGEP All-Stars
St. Francis Xavier X-Women
Toronto Varsity Blues
Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks

CIAU Top 10

1. Toronto
2. Regina
- 3. Concordia**
4. Alberta
5. Wilfrid Laurier
6. Guelph
7. McGill
8. Manitoba
9. UQTR
10. St. Francis Xavier

National team's Ouellette joins hockey Stingers

Les Lawton, head coach of the Concordia women's hockey team, is pleased to announce the Stingers have added two new players to their roster, including Caroline Ouellette, an accomplished left wing and a member of Canada's senior national team.

Ouellette, a 21-year-old native of Montreal, was a member of the world champion Canadian team in both 1999 and 2000. She represented Canada as a member of the junior national team from 1998-2000. Ouellette also suits up for the Montreal Wingstar of the National Women's Hockey League.

"I chose to play at Concordia because the team has a tradition of excellence," she said. "Also I want to win a national championship. Concordia was the best choice for me."

Lawton is thrilled to have another great player wear the Stinger uniform.

"Obviously she makes us a much better team," he said. "She gives us instant scoring punch. She is 5'11", so we're a little bit more intimidating with her in the lineup. Also, having an athlete of her calibre on the ice everyday is going to make everyone on the team better."

Ouellette has completed all her requirements at Collège Ahuntsic and Nicolet to become a police officer. She has decided to add to her preparation by enrolling in sociology courses at Concordia. She also hopes to improve her English skills.

Also joining the Stingers this January is Lauren Houghton, a 5'10" defender out of John Abbott College. The 19-year-old Pointe Claire native will major in human relations.

"Lauren is a young player with huge potential," Lawton said. "She's going to develop quickly."

"When you package Lauren and Caroline together – two players who are at least 5'10" – it makes our lineup a little more imposing. The team's very excited about the additions and is looking forward to the second half of the season with them in the lineup."

Houghton will suit up for all three games at the tournament. Ouellette will make her debut Friday at 4:30 p.m. versus the St. Francis Xavier X-Women. She will miss Saturday's game due to a previous commitment and will be back in the lineup Sunday for the tournament finals.

Call the sports information office at (514) 848-3862 for more details.